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**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT**

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12-22. Toxic Substances Grants and Cooperative Agreements

1. PURPOSE: This Order redelegates certain authorities conferred on the Regional Administrator by Delegation 12-22 of the EPA Delegations Manual.
2. AUTHORITY: To approve grants and cooperative agreements to eligible recipients, including but not limited to state and local government entities, state and local associations, federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribal organizations, non-profit organizations, trade and professional associations, institutions of higher learning, labor unions, and joint labor/management trust funds, for such research, development, monitoring, public education, training, demonstrations and studies as is necessary to carry out the purposes of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), pursuant to section 10 of TSCA, supplemented, as appropriate, for international awards by the National Environmental Policy Act, Section 102(2)(F).
3. TO WHOM REDELEGATED: The Director of the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, and the Director of the Clean Air and Sustainability Division.
4. LIMITATIONS:
  - a. This authority does not include research funded with the research and development appropriations or within the purview of the Office of Research and Development. Approval of grants or cooperative agreements funded with the research and development appropriation is limited to the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development or his/her designee.
  - b. The delegated authority for research and development is limited to activities directly contributing to the implementation of the mission of the office and consistent with congressionally approved budget requests.
5. FURTHER REDELEGATION: This authority may not be further redelegated.
6. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:
  - a. Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 (Public Law 106-74, [Page 113 STAT. 1081]), which includes language expanding the scope of grants that may be approved under TSCA section 10.

## ORDER

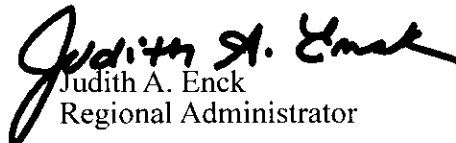
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b. Requirements of 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter B, Grants and Other Federal Assistance, as applicable; other applicable program regulations, Federal assistance statutes, including the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 USC § 6301 et seq.; EPA's Assistance Administration Manual, and the requirements of EPA Order Series 5700.

c. Region 2's standard operating procedures (SOPs) that set forth division-specific concurrence and approval protocols for processing funding recommendations and commitment notices in the Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS). For agreements funded with monies from outside the project officer's division, the SOPs require that the funds controllers in those divisions with budget authority be included in the IGMS commitment notice concurrence chain. In addition, Project Officers should consult the SOPs for the organization where the funds originated.

d. EPA Delegation 1-14-A, which gives the authority to execute grants and cooperative agreements to Regional Administrators, who may further redelegate.

7. SUPERSESSION: This redelegation supersedes Regional Order R-1200 (redelegation of 12-22) dated April 19, 2004.

  
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